

rolls and practically all our clothing except what we wear and can carry in a small pack on our backs or in saddle bags. No means of transportation this a. m. but I had sufficient map and other work to keep me busy. Spent considerable time working schedule for changing of battalions on July 24.

Colonel Ferguson sent out his machine to me for the p. m. and I took Major Cothran with me and visited our Battalion Aid Posts and Relay Post, also 2d Battalion Headquarters. There was practically no shelling of our work area today.

Later in the evening Colonel Ferguson came out to camp and we had a conference regarding tactical problems for the regiment. The Mail Orderly was very good to me today—he brought me one of Mazie's precious letters, one from father and one from mother. It made me homesick to be back home again.

One of the Allies' observation balloons broke loose today. The Observer jumped and escaped by means of his parachute. Both the Allies' and the German guns were firing at it. It was drifting generally toward the German line. We were firing at it to destroy it so that it could not come down in German territory, and the Germans were firing at it to keep it from coming down in our territory and we get the benefit of any information that there might be in basket. It was finally set on fire by one of our own planes.

*July 20, 1918, Saturday.* Another air raid last night. Fortunately no bombs hit our camp. Three bombs were dropped about 400 yards from us, on a British camp. One officer was killed, four men wounded and several horses killed. The raid occurred just after I had turned in. Perrin was outside and he said he could not see the aeroplane but could hear the bomb singing in the air as it dropped. He also dropped flat on the ground as he could not tell where it was going to fall.

General Godby called by for me this morning at 9:30 and we inspected together the work that is being done by the 105th Engineers and under their supervision. We drove in his car to the southern boundary of our sector and walked back over the Support Line, which is being constructed under the supervision of Captain Seelye and non coms by the 118th Infantry. They are completing the trench and getting it ready to be occupied. We followed this trench to the Proven-Poperinghe Road. Then examined a machine gun